

## **POLICY NOTE**

### **THE LITTLE LOCH BROOM SCALLOPS SEVERAL FISHERY ORDER 2017**

**SSI 2017/77**

The above instrument is made in exercise of the powers in sections 1 and 7(4)(a)(iii) of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967. The instrument is subject to negative Parliamentary procedure.

#### **Policy Objectives**

Several Orders can confer rights on persons to fish exclusively for specified types of shellfish, including scallops, in a designated area. The Little Loch Broom Scallops Several Fishery Order 2017 confers on Grant Campbell, for a period of 10 years, the right of several fishery for scallops in part of Little Loch Broom covering an area of 7 hectares within specified co-ordinates. Grant Campbell has fished exclusively in the designated area within Little Loch Broom for the past 15 years under The Little Loch Broom Scallops Several Fishery Order 2002 (“the 2002 Order”). The right of several fishery for scallops under the 2002 Order will expire on 6 May 2017. The 2002 Order includes a restriction that the harvesting of scallops can only be carried out manually by divers. The 2017 Order also provides for that restriction.

The 2017 Order will confer on Grant Campbell an exclusive right to fish scallops in the same designated area as the 2002 Order within Little Loch Broom.

#### **Consultation**

The applicant, Grant Campbell, consulted with the local community and others as part of the application process.

A draft of the proposed Several Order was also consulted upon as is required in terms of schedule 1 to the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967. Schedule 1 to that Act also requires the proposed Order to be published. Details of the proposed Order were advertised in a local newspaper on 23 December 2016. A period of four weeks was provided for receipt of any representations or objections but none were received.

#### **Financial Effects**

Other than time required to complete a short annual report, no financial burdens will be placed on the applicant as a result of the Order. A Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared in relation to the Order and placed in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre.

**Marine Scotland**  
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